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For: LASER DIODE PUMPED SOLID-STATE LASER OSCILLATOR AND LASER
DIODE CONTROL METHOD OF THE OSCILLATOR

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Japanese Patent Application (KOKAI) No. 59-103565 - This document discloses a circuit which conducts a light emitting diode when the light emitting diode is not in a conduction state. It does not have a function for controlling a bypass circuit based on an external signal. This document is also cited on page 4 in the specification of the present application and an English language abstract is attached.

Japanese Patent Application (KOKAI) No. 59-113768 - This document discloses an optical gate signal generator which bypasses a current to a bypass circuit which has an alternative light emitting diode when an open malfunction occurs on a light emitting diode. This document is also cited on page 8 in the specification of the present application and an English language abstract is attached.

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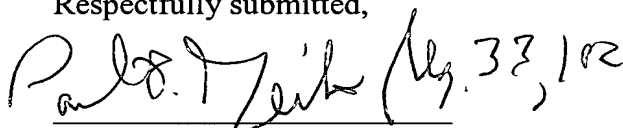
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